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1. FRENCH OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON EXPORT CREDIT QUESTIONS WITH TREASURY AND EXIMBANK REPRESENTATIVES THE WEEK OF MAY 22. WE SEE NO REASON WHY THEY WOULD CHANGE THEIR VIEW. HAVING BEEN APPROACHED BY GERMAN COLLEAGUES, THEY MAY OR MAY NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN A LONDON MEETING, BUT THAT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY RULE OUT A PARIS MEETING. THE EMBASSY HAS NOT YET ARRANGED A FIRM DATE FOR A MEETING HERE.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT GIVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO THE FACT THAT DISCUSSIONS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AIRCRAFT FINANCING (READ AIRBUS) MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE FROM OTHER AVIATION ISSUES INVOLVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THE QUESTION OF FINANCING AIRCRAFT EXPORTS COULD ALSO BE LINKED WITH THE PROBLEM OF FINANCING LNG TANKERS, WHERE THE GOF SEEKS A COMMITMENT FROM THE U.S.

3. ASSUMING THE ABOVE ISSUES HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, THE EMBASSY SEES NO OBJECTION TO INFORMAL BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOF. HARTMAN

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